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The following claim set will replace previous versions of the claims.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of alleviating the symptoms of muscle pain or muscle wasting in general in a female patient comprising administering to a female patient suffering from muscle pain or muscle wasting an effective amount of ~~an androgen~~ testosterone or a testosterone derivative, wherein said testosterone derivative is selected from the group consisting of methyltestosterone, testosterone enanthate, and testosterone cypionate, so that the symptoms are alleviated.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein a combination of ~~androgens~~ testosterone or a testosterone derivative selected from the group consisting of methyltestosterone, testosterone enanthate, and testosterone cypionate is administered to the patient.

Claim 4-9 (canceled).